

REPLY TO A OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1/28/03, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12, 13.

Please amend claims 5, 6, 9, 11 as follows:

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C, 1
5. A method for controlling an air-fuel ratio in an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps:

determining a temperature of an emission control device downstream of said engine;

oxidizing hydrocarbons stored in said device when said temperature of said device is greater than a predetermined temperature; and

adjusting the air/fuel ratio in the engine rich of stoichiometry during oxidation of said hydrocarbons.

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6. The method of claim 5, wherein said oxidation step comprises providing air from an air supply device to an exhaust stream upstream of said emission control device.

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